

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 826

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sissy Ivy on her selection as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Esther "Sissy" Ivy is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ivy has been selected as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-five-year veteran of the hospitality and service industry, Sissy Ivy has taught Culinary Arts at Sevier County High School for fourteen years; she is the faculty leader of the Culinary Club and works with her students to prepare 400 meals weekly for delivery to senior citizens in the area; and

WHEREAS, the first member of her family to graduate high school and attend college, Mrs. Ivy has helped her students apply for approximately \$920,000 in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sissy Ivy is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of twenty-seven years, Maurice Ivy, who is retired from the Army National Guard; she is the loving mother of a daughter and a son and a devoted Nana to four grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ivy is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sissy Ivy truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sissy Ivy on being chosen as the 2017-2018 Sevier County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.